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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Large Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe (Over 4 ½ Inches) from Japan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2011-2012

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of

Commerce

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain large diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe (over 4 ½ inches) (large diameter seamless pipe) from Japan. The period of review (POR) is June 1, 2011, through May 31, 2012. This review covers five producers/exporters of subject merchandise, Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL), JFE Steel Corporation (JFE), Nippon Steel Corporation (Nippon), NKK Tubes (NKK), and Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. (SMI). We preliminarily find that no shipments were made by JFE, Nippon, NKK, or SMI. We also preliminarily find that CNRL's entries of subject merchandise should be liquidated without regard to antidumping duties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*.]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the order is large diameter seamless pipe. The large diameter seamless pipe subject to the order is currently classifiable under the following subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): 7304.10.10.30, 7304.10.10.45, 7304.10.10.60, 7304.10.50.50, 7304.19.10.30, 7304.19.10.45, 7304.19.10.60, 7304.19.50.50, 7304.31.60.10, 7304.31.60.50, 7304.39.00.04, 7304.39.00.06, 7304.39.00.08, 7304.39.00.36, 7304.39.00.40, 7304.39.00.44, 7304.39.00.48, 7304.39.00.52, 7304.39.00.56, 7304.39.00.62, 7304.39.00.68, 7304.39.00.72, 7304.51.50.15, 7304.51.50.45, 7304.51.50.60, 7304.59.20.30, 7304.59.20.55, 7304.59.20.60, 7304.59.20.70, 7304.59.60.00, 7304.59.80.30, 7304.59.80.35, 7304.59.80.40, 7304.59.80.45, 7304.59.80.50, 7304.59.80.55, 7304.59.80.60, 7304.59.80.65, and 7304.59.80.70. The subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. A full description of the scope of the order is contained in the memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, "Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Large Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe (Over 4 ½ Inches) from Japan," dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum), which is hereby adopted by this notice. The written description is dispositive.

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically *via* Import Administration's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (IA ACCESS). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at http://iaaccess.trade.gov and in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of

Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the internet at http://www.trade.gov/ia/. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Preliminary Determination of No Shipments

See the Preliminary Decision Memorandum for a full discussion of our preliminary determination of no shipments with respect to JFE, Nippon, NKK, and SMI.

Entries by CNRL

As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, we preliminarily find that CNRL had no sales of subject merchandise to unaffiliated customers in the United States, or to unaffiliated customers for exportation to the United States. As a result, antidumping duties would not be applied under current law and practice. Accordingly, at the completion of the final results of review, we intend to instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate the entries at issue without regard to antidumping duties.

Disclosure and Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit cases briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs. *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d). Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities. *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2). Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using IA ACCESS. *See* 19 CFR 351.303.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, filed electronically *via* IA ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department's electronic records system, IA ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. The Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of the administrative review, the Department shall determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212. The Department intends to issue appraisement instructions directly to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

The Department clarified its "automatic assessment" regulation on May 6, 2003. *See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003). Unless we otherwise determine that such entries should not be subject to antidumping duties, this clarification will apply to POR entries by JFE, Nippon, NKK, and SMI if we continue to make a final determination of no shipments because these companies certified that they made no POR shipments of subject merchandise for which they had knowledge of U.S. destination. We will instruct CBP to liquidate these entries at the all-others rate established in

the less-than-fair-value investigation (68.88 percent) if there is no rate for the intermediary involved in the transaction. *See* Preliminary Decision Memorandum *at* "Preliminary Determination of No Shipments" for a full discussion of this clarification.

These preliminary results of administrative review and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221.

Paul Piquado
Assistant Secretary
for Import Administration
July 2, 2013
Date

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum:

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